

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 5 and 11 have been canceled. Therefore, on entering this amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9-10 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato et al. (US 5,902,968) in view of Kashi et al. (US 5,828,772).

Claims 5, 6 and 11 are allowable.

The Applicants request reconsideration.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Rejection of Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9 and 10 as being unpatentable over Sato and Kashi

The Applicants amend claims 1 and 7 to place them in a form equivalent to original claims 5 and 11. The Applicants respectively submit that original claims 5 and 11 were found allowable in the Office Action dated June 15, 2007. Accordingly claims 5 and 11 are deleted.

Claims 3, 4, 6 and 9-10 are dependent on claims 1 and 7. Therefore, they are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Since there are no other pending grounds for the rejection of the claims, they must be allowed.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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